

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:142

ANSWERED ON:02.08.2006

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR .

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Planning Commission proposes to increase employment opportunities in the agriculture sector during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The percentage of employment opportunities likely to increase during the Eleventh Five Year Plan over the Tenth Plan period ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN ANSWER TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 142 BY SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID AND SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2006

(a) to (c) : Increasing employment opportunities in the economy, including agricultural and allied sectors, is a central concern of the Planning Commission. Some of the sub-sectors of the Agriculture and Allied Sector having higher potential for generating employment opportunities during the Eleventh Five Year Plan are:

Horticulture including floriculture, vegetable production and primary processing etc. Organic agriculture Seed and planting material production Dairy and poultry Fisheries Agri-clinic/agri-business centres Micro irrigation

According to studies, the mandays of annual employment created per Rs. 1000 investment in some of these sub-sectors are as given in the table below:

Sub-Sector	Employment (Mandays/per year/per Rs. 1000 invested)
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Plantation and Horticulture	3.02
Dairy,Poultry,Sheep,GoatandPiggery	6.75
Fisheries	1.81
Others	7.32
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Source:-National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) as cited on page 78 of the Report of the Inter-Ministry Task Group on Investment, Credit and Technical Support to promote Self-employment in Agriculture, Horticulture, Afforestation, Dairying and Agro-processing, by Planning Commission, January 2005.

However, concrete proposals for the Eleventh Five Year Plan have not been formulated by the Planning Commission. A draft approach to the 11th Five Year Plan has been prepared for consultation with the different stake holders namely the State Governments, various Ministries and Experts. It has also been placed on the website of the Planning Commission to invite comments from the public at large. Following the consultations the revised Approach Paper will be put up for appropriate approvals

